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Who do you call when the police are the criminals?

Who do you call when the police choke to death an innocent black man pleading for his life in broad daylight?

Who do you call when they shoot and kill a 12 year old black boy because they felt threatened by his toy gun?

Who do you call when they break into the house you're sleeping in, unannounced, murder your girlfriend, and then charge you with assault because you dared to be a black man who tried to defend yourself against the strange men shooting at you in the dark?

Who do you call when they shoot a black man sitting on his apartment building's front steps 19 times because they thought his wallet was a gun?

Who do you call when people of color are being disproportionately and brutally murdered by the very police officers meant to protect them?

This is why people kneel.

This is why people protest.

This is why people riot.

Floyd. Rice. Taylor. Walker. Diallo. And so many more.

Who do you call when the police are the criminals?